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DCI -

JC Mil Sit - Little change - VM bn from Sam Neua reached head of river at Muang Nelong - probing French defenses - will wait for the 10 bns from Dien Bien Phu coming down & - now about 30 miles away - No change at Dien Bien Phu to speak of - Loss of some 44 posts in the South - Sabotage in the Delta - C-47's + gasoline

Navarre [redacted] 25X1X

Follows cards closely -

VN Natlist Groups

Since last mtg discussion had looked into possibility of using religious groups & to inspire nationalist fervor - picture looks pretty bad - strongest religious group is Catholics - includes intelligentsia, trained men - strong bishops with influence. Strange Cao Dai sect - mixture Catholicism + Buddhism - saints - GW, Victor Hugo, J.C. - Still alot of fence sitters - problem is how to get them to take part -

Ho - on the right for Ho - very strange that such a dynamic leader

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25X1X [redacted] has reported he's very sick with malaria - all through his system - means long interruptions in his work

Ho DCI on Brent for Ho Chi Minh - strange that dynamic leader hadn't made personal appearance in over a year - msgs secretly

25X1D [redacted] could be sent by dead man just as well - mystery that hasn't been pierced Don't know why Sadtree he's being kept under cover

Rhee's Anti Communist Front -

Originated in the Rhee-Chiang meeting in November - communique calling for free Asian governments to organize common front Has sent 2 missions to SEA - second left Feb 10th. Wants Magsaysay to lead the front - Chinats feel Rhee pushing too fast too soon Mag going to accept

Other SEA reactions cool - Burma + Laos unlikely to respond, Thais a little jealous of Mag as leader SEA, Japs + Rhee unlikely to get together on this or anything else so not much likely to come of this Rhee attempt

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East German unrest - Guild campaign to stress popular East German dissatisfaction with conference some of it planted - we have been working very closely with the delegation in Berlin on this so as to get an expression of the East German desire for free elections, etc - keep the pot boiling but without blowing the lid off -

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